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Mission Support Alliance

MSA Builds Bikes for Local Kids



It definitely looked like Santa's workshop at this year's Bikes for Tikes event. Nearly 80 employees and their family members came together and helped assemble over 1,700 bikes that were given to local kids for Christmas and throughout the year! Since 2015, MSA has quadrupled the number of it's volunteers that support this effort! The event itself moved to a bigger area to house all 800 volunteers from the community – we're proud to be a part of it!



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30 Days of Caring

30 Days of Caring gives employees the opportunity to nominate their favorite non-profit to receive a donation. Melissa Ver Steeg, part of the President's Office, was one of the 30 winners. She nominated the Portland Ronald McDonald House Charities because of "the support they provided my brother and his wife when they were far from home with a 12-week premature infant." A total of \$4,000 was donated to 23 employee-nominated organizations throughout the month of November.



Festival of Trees

United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties hosted a new fundraising event this year, the Festival of Trees, to raise money to help combat homelessness and hunger. MSA's parent company, Leidos, served as the title sponsor of the event, which raised more than \$60,000.

Taking a Bite Out of Hunger

Second Harvest Tri-Cities hosted their annual Taking a Bite Out of Hunger fundraiser in October and several lucky employees and their loved ones, who also happen to be frequent Second Harvest volunteers, were able to attend. Attendees were treated to an evening of food from local chefs, wine and beer tasting, and silent and live auctions, all to benefit those facing hunger in our community.



Women Helping Women

The Women Helping Women Fund Tri-Cities fundraiser luncheon is always an incredible event that offers inspiration and empowerment. Those who attended had



the privilege of hearing speaker Ashley Rhodes-Courter. Ashley shared the difficult time she had in foster care and how she uses her life experiences to inspire others to help make a difference for children. Leidos served as a major sponsor of this year's event.



Dinner With Friends



The Boys & Girls Club of Benton and Franklin Counties' Dinner with Friends was a special one. This year's keynote speaker was none other than the incredible Matt Hasselbeck, former quarterback for the Seattle Seahawks! The event was full of laughs and heartfelt messages.

Autumn Affair



Knowing that cancer has impacted the lives of many of our employees, MSA and Leidos co-sponsored the Tri-Cities Cancer Center's Autumn Affair this fall. The event raised a record-breaking \$268,000 for local cancer patients and their families!

Partnering to Build a Brighter Future

MSA dedicated a day to giving back by organizing MSA's Day of Caring, part of our United Way campaign. Four different organizations supported by United Way were chosen as volunteer opportunities – ANSIL (A New Start in Life) Hall, Meals on Wheels, SARC (Support, Advocacy, Research Center) and Boys & Girls Club. Employees, along with family members, spent part of their day off helping at one or more of these organizations. MSA's Day of Caring allowed us to partner with new organizations and gave our employees a chance to learn more about the great work they do for people in our community.



Kicking Off Thanksgiving with Turkey Trot



For many people, Thanksgiving begins with Turkey Trot, benefitting our local American Red Cross. Members of our community (including about 120 members of MSA and their families) gathered at Columbia Park to show their support for a great organization.



'Tis the Season to Give Back

MSA was able to spread holiday cheer to a number of local non-profits. Columbia Basin Veterans Center, Second Harvest, Mid-Columbia Meals on Wheels, Domestic Violence Services, Tri-City Union Gospel Mission, ANSIL Hall, My Friends Place, Support, Advocacy & Resource Center and Habitat for Humanity were all gifted an end-of-year donation. Each of these organizations provides services and resources to those in need and helps build a stronger community. We're thankful for their partnerships and look forward to working with them in the future!



Sorting Food for Second Harvest's Turkey Drive



The Turkey Drive is one of Second Harvest's biggest food-collecting events and helps provide 2,600 meals to families in our community. Being able to offer families the supplies to cook a nice Thanksgiving dinner means they can truly enjoy the holiday with loved ones. Thanks to our employees and their family members who helped sort 20,000 pounds of food in support of the Turkey Drive!



Helping Feed Those in Need

The Hanford Food Drive donated about 14,000 pounds of groceries to food banks and shelters throughout the Tri-Cities and Yakima Valley. This could not have been done without the help of our MSA ambassadors, who gathered food and cash donations, and our partnership with Hanford Atomic Metal Trades Council and their union affiliates, Washington River Protection Solutions and CH2M HILL Plateau Remediation Company. We'd like to also recognize the volunteers who helped sort and deliver food that day – none of this would have happened without you all!



The MSA Family Helping Make the Holidays Bright



The hearts of our employees grow three sizes during December! Groups from many MSA organizations help make the holidays memorable for so many in our community. Whether its donating games and toys to the Salvation Army, gifting items to the Domestic Violence Services of Benton & Franklin Counties or adopting foster kids, the generosity of our MSA family is bar none. We are proud of our caring employees!